

THIS WAS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 AT 7:01 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward (arrived @ 7:03)
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
Council-President Kerry Coley

Also Present: Madeline Smith, Deputy City Clerk
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator (BA)
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director
Eric Pennington, City Attorney (arrived @ 7:03)
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer (arrived @ 7:06)

The Deputy Clerk asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General item shall sign on (1) book. Each person signing the book will be allowed to speak for maximum of five (5) minutes.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk announces that the requirement of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. Seq., “Sunshine Law” has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the *Star Ledger* and published in the Record-Transcript on July 13, 2017 posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

- Council President Coley introduced Pastor Ferguson a new Pastor from the Baptist Church reported that he will officially start his duties as Pastor on May 27th. He is looking forward to working with the residents of Orange and he reported on upcoming church events.
- Councilwoman Williams presented a resolution of appreciation to Dr. Fullilove. Dr. Fullilove thanked the Council for the resolution. Council Members thanked her for her contributions.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

• **James H. Laskey- Rep. for AT&T**

Mr. Laskey was an attorney for AT&T and he spoke about a request for a resolution that would authorize AT&T to attached fiber optic cable to utility polls owned by Verizon NJ. He provided the advantage of the fiber optic for the residents and their cell phones. All cost of the installations is paid for by AT&T.

Provided information on how fiber optics is used now and how it will be used in the future.

Mr. Laskey answered questions by the Governing Body.

- **Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator- Update on channel 35**

Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that there will be a new server which will allow the city to record and download all Council meetings. Starting in June the meetings will be recorded and rerun nightly on Channel 35 for two weeks. Those recordings will then be stored on a cloud after the two weeks. There will be a link from the city website to the cloud. Community notifications are now on Channel 35; this will inform residents of upcoming events. He provided information on how to have upcoming events added to the notification page of Channel 35. Items for upcoming events to be viewed on Channel must be submitted six months in advance. The Business Administrator reported that the budget will be presented at the next Council meeting. He reported he is looking into a communication community based data base of notifications and the companies that provide that service. The Business Administrator reported that Ordinance 25-2018 is being withdrawn, the fiscal impact statement was not ready, it should be available in June. Resolution 151-2018 is being pulled because the budget would not be introduced tonight. Union negotiations are continuing, new budget numbers are being worked on, the new numbers almost totaled 2 million dollars. The budget cannot be introduced without the union’s negotiated figures. The city will file a layoff plan with civil service as a precaution. If an agreement is reached they will cancel the layoff plan.

The Deputy Clerk made the following statement:

The resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight’s meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

Councilman Jackson asked about Ordinance 24-2018 regarding parking off Main Street and are passes being distributed to businesses. Mr. Chris Mobley reported that the city is trying to provide parking off Main Street for businesses and their employees so visitors have more parking on Main Street. Permits will be provided to business owners, their employees and commuters. There will be a monthly fee for that permit parking. The Business Administrator also reported that the city is looking into pay stations instead of parking meters. It is more cost effective than maintaining the meters. Upon further discussion it was determined that the laws on the books are not being enforced by the city regarding resident parking and that would be looked into. Mr. Mobley answered questions from the Governing Body.

Councilwoman Wooten questioned Resolution 152-2018 regarding a grant fund for recycling. The Business Administrator provided information on the funding. Councilwoman Williams provided information on recycling projects for the students and some of the funds from the grant would be going to similar programs.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:26 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President